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TO: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: HA - Patricia M. Derian
H - Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.

SUBJECT: Clarence Long Letter Requesting
Additional Human Rights Reports

ISSUE FOR DECISION

How should we respond to the letter from Representative Clarence Long, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, requesting human rights reports on 16 additional countries.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

During Assistant Secretary Derian's testimony before the Subcommittee, and subsequently on the floor and in other hearings, Congressman Long criticized the Department for not going beyond the bare legal requirements of the human rights reporting provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act (Sections 116 and 502B). Our response, both oral and written, has so far been limited to indicating our willingness to reply to special requests for information on human rights conditions in countries of interest to the Subcommittee.

As a result of HA discussions with the staff of the Subcommittee, the Chairman agreed to limit his original request for reports on all countries to reports on 17 countries included in the accompanying letter (tab 1). (Saudi Arabia was erroneously included on the list; a report has already been submitted on Saudi Arabia.)

On tab there is extended discussion of the various points of view on this issue.

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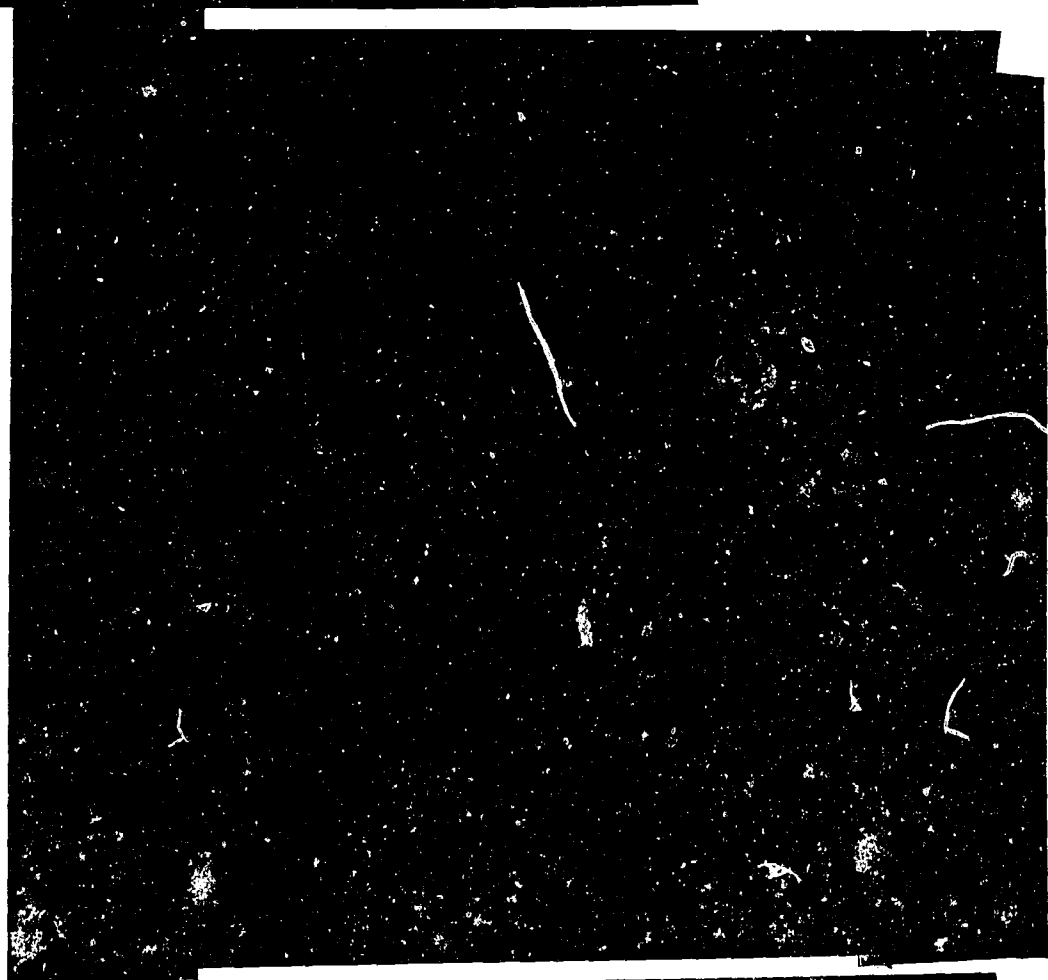
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THE OPTIONS

Option 1:



Option 2:

Pros

- Would reflect responsiveness by the Department to the Subcommittee's request for information.
- Would avoid setting precedent of permitting reports on countries which do not receive direct bilateral or economic or military assistance.

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- Would avoid antagonizing other countries on whom reports previously were not submitted and some of whom made a decision not to receive such assistance in light of the reporting requirements.

Cons

Option 3: Provide oral briefings to the Committee on these countries.

- Pros and Cons are similar to those stated above, except for the point concerning [REDACTED]

Recommendations

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3. Alternatively, provide oral briefing to the Committee. (Supported by S/P and ARA.)

Approve ✓ MAY 8 1978 Disapprove _____

An appropriate reply to Chairman Long for Doug Bennet's signature will be drafted incorporating the option you have chosen.

After consultation with HA, S/S will issue a tasking memorandum for the preparation of human rights reporting according to the option you have chosen.

Attachments:

Tab 1 - Memorandum to All Regional Assistant Secretaries with copy of the Letter of April 16, 1978 from Clarence D. Long to Ms. Darian

Tab 2 - Further Discussion of the Issues.

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Concurrences: ARA - Mr. McNeil
AF - Mr. Walker
EA - Mr. Bennet
EUR - Mr. Fuerth
H - Mr. Kinney
L - Mr. Runyon
NEA - Mr. Moran
S/P - Ms. Walker

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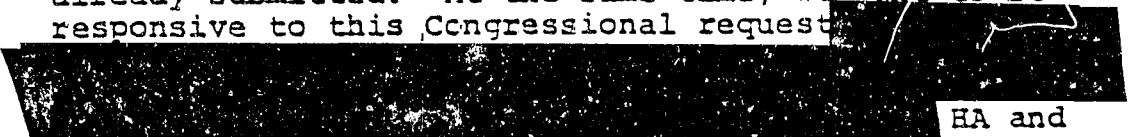
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

TO: All Regional Assistant Secretaries
FROM: Warren Christopher
SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Additional Human Rights Reports

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The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations has asked the Department to provide human rights reports on seventeen additional countries, which were not included among our earlier reports because they do not receive U.S. assistance. The Subcommittee has requested an early response to this request.

The Secretary and I recognize and appreciate the great amount of work that went into the reports already submitted. At the same time, we want to be responsive to this Congressional request.

 HA and
S/P will be in touch with you on due dates and clearances.

Attachment:

Letter from Chairman Long.

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Ms. Patt Derian
 Assistant Secretary
 Bureau of Human Rights
 and Humanitarian Affairs
 Department of State
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Derian:

During the Foreign Operations Subcommittee hearings on February 22, 1978, the Subcommittee expressed concern that the country reports on human rights practices prepared by the Department of State did not contain reports on many countries that are known human rights violators. While the Subcommittee clearly understands that the Department of State has complied fully with the requirements of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, it felt that all human rights violators in the world should be evaluated and reports submitted on their human rights practices.

An understanding was generally reached at the hearing that the Department of State would attempt to submit similar reports on additional countries supplied by the Subcommittee. In accordance with this understanding, the Subcommittee submits the following country listing which it desires reports on human rights practices prepared:

Ms. Patt Derian
Assistant Secretary

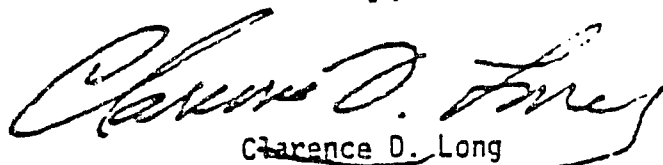
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| 1.) Vietnam | 10.) South Africa |
| 2.) Cambodia | 11.) Rhodesia |
| 3.) Laos | 12.) Namibia |
| 4.) Uganda | 13.) Libya |
| 5.) Angola | 14.) Algeria |
| 6.) Cuba | 15.) Iraq |
| 7.) Chile | 16.) Saudi Arabia |
| 8.) Brazil | 17.) Equatorial Guinea |
| 9.) Argentina | |

Your early response on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Clarence D. Long
Chairman
Foreign Operations Subcommittee

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Oral briefings have already been offered in testimony before the Committee and the Committee has stated it would prefer a written response.

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